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CLUBS & LODGES

ONCE WERE "JOLLY CORKS"

With the advent of the annual Elk's Charity Show—which is to be presented on Thursday and Friday night at the Richmond Union High School auditorium—Richmond folks are giving some thought to the part in the community which this important lodge plays.

Ever since the early days in Point Richmond the Elk's Club has been a focal point for fraternal and social events. So it may be worth while to take a look at the organization, to see what it is, what it represents.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a fraternal association founded in 1868 in the city of New York. It is an outgrowth of an earlier social and benevolent society called the Jolly Corks, and at the time the Elks grand lodge was incorporated on March 10, 1871, it was decided to organize branch lodges in Philadelphia, San Francisco which is No. 3), Chicago, Cincinnati, Sacramento, Baltimore, and so on, in cities which have a population of over 5,000. There is but one lodge to a city, and the order now has 1,640 lodges. Its membership is close to 900,000 and its disbursements annually approximate $750,000.

Order Known for Charity

The order has been noted for the prompt assistance given its members and for its ready response to calls for aid from the outside. In all great calamities of recent years it has given liberally to aid the needy. Especially dear to the hearts of all Elks is the distribution of the annual Christmas baskets to those in need. This is one of the oldest customs in which every lodge has always participated.

While the general public is most familiar with the ceremonials that are annually fostered by the order, such as Flag Day, or, in the case of Richmond, of the annual Elk's Charity Show, the big day of the year for members of the order is the first Sunday of December, this week, on which day is celebrated the memorial services for the deceased members of the order—for the "absent brothers."

Richmond Has Fine Lodge

Richmond, California, is especially proud of the Elks lodge that represents this area— B. P. O. E. No. 1251. From the very earliest days, out here in Point Richmond, when the hardy sons of the 'OOs in Richmond gathered in Stiefvater's Hall to organize the lodge. Elected as the first exalted ruler was the popular and capable Dr. C. L. Abbott, who is today, not only the coroner of this, his heme, county, but is acknowledged, far and wide, as one of the outstanding physicians and surgeons of all California. Following Dr Abbott, as the second exalted ruler of the lodge, was Augustus "Gus" C. Lang, pioneer druggist, who is today head of one of the local draft boards. The roster of past exalted rulers, since that time includes such outstanding local personalities as Thomas M. Carlson, W. W. Scott, former district attorney James Hoey, Robert Collins, Judge Leo G. Marcollo, Dr. A. B. Hinkley, Dr. L. H. Fraser, Daniel M. Bradley, and the present, distinguised and popular, exalted ruler, Superior Judge A. Frank Bray. Among the outstanding executive secretaries of the lodge can be mentioned the well known and well liked, former police chief, James P. Arnold, who was secretary at the time the order made its biggest contribution to the civic betterment, in 1914, when the fine, four-story and basement, Elks Building was built at Tenth and Macdonald, and thereby centralized the business district at that location. Then there is the present, personable, Edgar F. Dale, secretary today and for many years past, of the lodge, and it is a mark of his ability that the local lodge, No. 1251, has more than a thousand members, the jurisdiction of the local branch extending in Western Contra Costa County as far as Martinez.

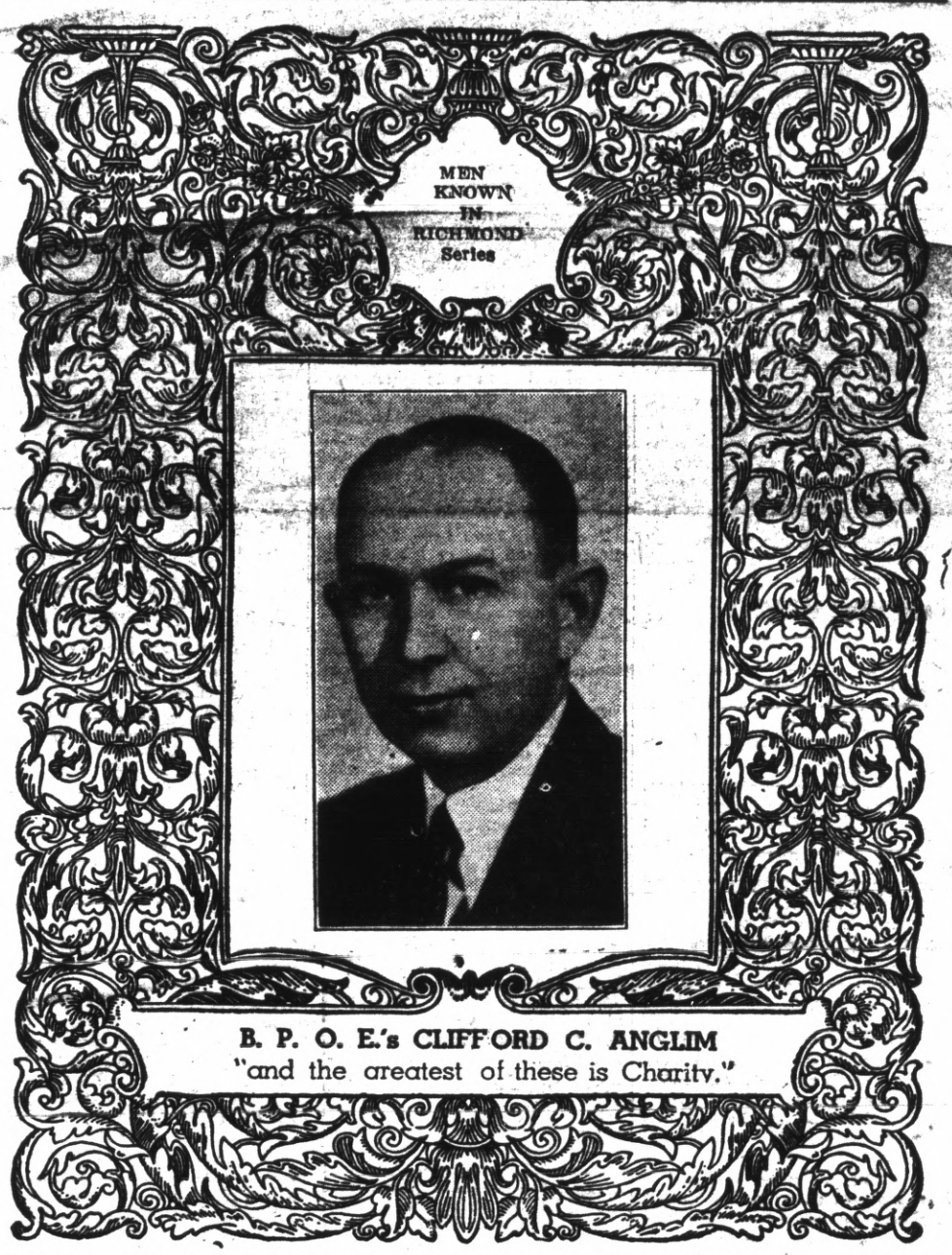
Lots of Old Timers

Since all of these notables, as well as dozens of old-time Elks like Tom McCormick, Joe Roveda, Louie Beckman, Steve Detlow, Clark Kratzer, Denny Burns and Dennis Shaw and Herman Pircher, and just hundreds of others, your humble editor of the Richmnd weekly paper was temporarily nonplussed when it came to picking out the member of the local Elks lodge to grace the purple cover of this week's PROGRESS. With all the galaxy of great and near-great to pick from, the problem would be a stumper, except that, this year, the B. P. O. E. has elected as the district deputy in California, one of the very fine past exalted rulers of Richmond lodge, Clifford C. Anglim; and, since, as a part of his duties, it is Cliff's job to represent the B. P. O. E. he is certainly the Elk's personality of this year, as ye editor sees it.

That Cliff Anglim, who is, incidentally, the U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue for Northern California, will do a good job in his assignment as district deputy is a foregone conclusion, as he is one of the gifted orators of this state. When he warms up to a subject like the B. P. O. E. his eloquent words form a treat for all who have the opportunity to hear them.

Clifford C. Anglim was born in Napa, California, November 23, 1904, son of John and Mary Lonergan) Anglim. He was educated in thte public and private schools of Napa and Sacramento County and was graduated with highest honors from St. Mary's College in 1928. Of interest to Richmond is the fact that, previous to having received word of successfully passing the bar examinations, Mr. Anglim became the executive secretary of the Richmond Merchants Association and retained the post until he hung out his shingle as a practicing attorney in the fall of the year. In September 1928, Mr. Anglim and Miss Catherine Virginia Harr, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harr, were married. They are the parents of a six-year-old son, C. Reilly Anglim who at this early age gives every indication he will follow in the steps of his father as a campaigner and exponent of democracy with both the big and little "d."

As we undersand it, from the members of the B. P. O. E., they are overjoyed that Cliff has taken the time and interest to do the duties of district deputy. If anyone can tell the story properly, he can, and everyone wishes him success.



B. P. O. E.'s CLIFFORD C. ANGLIM
"and the greatest of these is Charity."

SPORTS EVENTS

FIRST EQUINE SHIPMENT

FLA|3H!—The first big shipment of thoroughbred racing horses for the new track in Albany arrived on November 30, last Saturday, from the Bowie track, outside of Baltimore, Md. The horses are from the stables of Ed Smith and James Rendell. The freight charges amounted to $1,800 on the car. The new Golden Gate Turf Club track is expected to be one of the most beautiful in the entire world. It is scheduled to open on December 28th.

PERSONALS

HOME FROM PENNSY

Miss Magaret Paisley, who for many years was the visiting nurse for the Standard Oil company here, returned this week from an extensive visit with relatives in Newcastle, Pa. She reports that she is happy to be out in Sunny California again; and expects to visit here and in the southern part of the state during the winter. Miss Paisley, from her former position is very widely known here, and her many friends are glad to know of her return.

VETERANS

PAST COMMANDER'S NITE

Past commaiders of the Richmond Post No. 10 of the American Legion met last Friday evening at the home of Inspector John "Barney" Kinstrey to plan for a big night shortly after the first of the year. Barney will be the chairman for this year's celebration.

DEMOCRATS

THANX FROM CHAIRMAN

The publisher of the RICHMOND PROGRESS is in receipt of the following letter from the Democratic National Chairman, Edward J. Flynn:

Dear Mr. Burt:

Now that the results are known you and I can well be proud of our work in this cam-

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Weekly News Analysis

Rough Weather Aids Greeks in Fighting Off Italian Invasion

By Edward C. Wayne

EDITOR'S NOTE—*When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst, and not necessarily of this newspaper.*

DEBACLE:
Fascists Meet Greeks

The Greeks, aided by heavy storms and mountain torrents, claimed to have dealt a crushing blow to the Italian armies attempting invasion.

The Italians, using the accepted German formula of "pincers" invasion, were attacking boldly on two fronts, the left flank moving from Koritza as a base, and the right flank smashing southward close to the Adriatic coastline toward Ioannina (Janina or Yanina).

The right flank was making some progress, and at points had crossed the critical Kalamas river. The left flank, however, never had made any advances, and it was there, in the vicinity of Koritza, that the Greeks claimed their first and continuing successes.

Latest dispatches indicated that these successes were colossal. Thirty thousand Italian troops were first described as trapped, then nearly half of them cut off and captured, and finally thousands of them caught in a mountain torrent in a gorge and drowned.

Cut to pieces, London has heard, is one of Italy's crack divisions of Alpini, or mountain troops, called the Centaur division. Trapped in the Pindus mountains, the Greeks say it has been annihilated.

There was wild enthusiasm in Athens and throughout the nation. Added to this was the favorable report from the Kalamas river sector, where the Greeks reported the mechanized advance had been halted in its tracks and forced to take up defensive positions.

Heroes of the Greek victory seem to have been the Evzones, or mountain guerrilla troops, who have been clipping away at the Italian columns in a manner reminiscent of the Finnish depredations on Russian troops during the early days of that war.

Like the Russo-Finnish war, however, it is too early to write the attempted Italian invasion down as a failure, for there are other quarters, notably Russia and Germany, to be heard from.

While Italy has admitted no reverses, it was considered significant that Italian dispatches told of Greek attacks.

AMBASSADOR:
Speaks Out

Sensation was sprung by U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James, Joseph P. Kennedy, who suddenly abandoned the hush-hush role of the diplomat, and in a copyrighted interview published by the Boston Globe told what he thought about the war and where Europe is heading.

Summed up in brief, Kennedy said:

1. England is holding out, but fighting with her back to the wall for her existence.

2. Democracy is dead, and Britain is not fighting to restore it, but to save herself from annihilation.

3. Out of it all will come some form of national socialism in Britain, in this country, too, if we get into the war, or if we catch it from Canada.

4. Aid given to Britain and her allies is "insurance" to give us time to prepare.

5. We should give and expect nothing back, simply "writing it off" as protection.

6. He said he told President Roosevelt "don't send me admirals and generals, but economists to study the situation."

Kenpedy's interview had its paradoxical side, for while he urged all aid to Britain as "insurance" he urged against going into the war on Britain's side, saying "if we do, all we hold dear will be gone!"



President Roosevelt was guest of honor and No. 1 off the record speaker at the National Press club's annual dinner for the Chief Executive. Wendell Willkie, who had been invited, was not present. As usual, there was plenty of "panning" at the expense of the President and other high government officials. Picture above shows: (left to right) President Roosevelt; his bodyguard, Thomas Qualters; Richard Wilson, president of the National Press club, and Vice President Elect Henry Wallace, just before they sat down to dinner.

CHAMBERLAIN:
'Peace in Our Time'

Neville Chamberlain, tall, lean statesman who led Britain from the Munich appeasement through the first eight and one-half months of war with Germany, and then resigned as prime minister, died at his Hampshire countryside estate. He was 71. Chamberlain's long record of service to his country was climaxed by work as prime minister in the hectic days before the outbreak of the present war. He gained world-wide recognition with his attempt to "appease" the dictators in the now famous Munich pact of Sept. 30, 1938.

TRIPLE THREAT:
Diplomats Gather

The Axis Allies have been described by observers as a "near-triangle" in which two of the sides do not quite meet.

In other words, Italy and Germany touch and unite, but the Russian side of the triangle, while apparently touching Germany, has not united with Italy.

The first triple threat was noted in the meeting of diplomats from Russia and Germany in Berlin, with Ciano announced as the third to be invited and to have accepted.

Purpose of the meeting, to discuss the Italian-Greek-Balkan situation. The Turks were frankly worried over the conference, having hoped to have found Russia aloof to the Axis move toward the Black sea and the Mediterranean.

The Turks have been willing to throw in with Greece if necessary, but had hoped it wouldn't be necessary. If Russia finally has decided to take an active part in the Macedonian situation with Germany, giving active aid to Italy, then Ankara saw itself up to the neck in the war, with dubious hopes of victory.

Bulgaria's position was the greatest threat to Turkish non-intervention, and it was in that direction that the Turks were casting anxious eyes.

That the Russian visit to Berlin might eventually have a far different outcome than that apparent on the surface was seen in many quarters as a possibility. There was believed to be little Russian sympathy for either Italy's or Germany's aims in Europe, and historians who remember the treaty of Tilsit in Napoleonic times have long wondered whether Russia may be planning to toss her allies overboard at the last instant, and go out for herself again.

SIDELIGHTS
. . . in the news

¶ An election aftermath in many communities was the public burning of all campaign literature as a gesture of "unity." In Salina, Kan., they had a fine blaze. In Tacoma, Wash., the gesture was a "flop." Reason—nobody showed up with anything to burn.

¶ The Civil Liberties Union has announced itself ready to aid in the legal defense of eight German-American Bundsmen charged with making anti-semitic speeches at Camp Nordland, Andover, N. J.

¶ The Chinese have invented a three-story bamboo "basket" which is placed on the roofs of important buildings to catch Japanese bombs. It works, too, according to neutral observers.

¶ A draftee in Washington, D. C., turned down because of ill health, leaped to his death from Rock Creek park bridge.

¶ Rumania, teetering on the fence of war, following the path of appeasement to save itself from bomb and other war damage, is visited by an earthquake which shakes Bucharest's buildings into ruin, with a large loss of life.

¶ Humor in Holland, always famous, has taken a grim turn since the occupation. An Amsterdam story is that two Nazi soldiers started to shoulder a Dutch woman out of the way, then stepped back and said "After you." The woman replied, "No, after you! You're undoubtedly in a hurry to get to England!"

POLLS:
Straws vs. Votes

Harold L. Ickes, just before election, sent the polls, or straw-votes, flying in the wind with his statement that if he had his way, newspapers would be barred from publishing them.

Immediately after election, each of the many polls, the Gallup poll, the Crossley, the News, the Wall and others, came out with articles explaining just how accurate they had been.

Despite the ghost of the Literary Digest poll, which blew up and wrecked that magazine, the present polls announced that they felt they had done a good job.

Some newspaper commentators, however, were inclined to agree with Ickes, and pointed out that a "4 per cent error," which is what the polls allowed themselves, should have varied both ways—whereas practically all of the error turned out to have been a failure to estimate the real Roosevelt strength in the dubious states.

FIFTY-FIFTY:
Election Aftermath

Immediate aftermath of the precedent-shattering election of President Roosevelt to a third term in the White House was the strengthening of the foreign policy.

Japan had seen this as a likely happening, and the Axis powers had commented on it frankly in expressing hopes for a Roosevelt defeat, hopes used by the Democrats as a lever in the campaign.

It was not unexpected in Europe, nor in this country for that matter, when President Roosevelt made his first announcement of a strengthening of the "aid to Britain short of war" which had been his open foreign policy prior to the campaign.

This took the form of a statement that on the production of war materials for our national defense, Britain will be given a "fifty-fifty" pick. We are planning to build 25,000 planes. Britain has placed orders for 12,000, and the priorities board has said that unless things change from the present, Britain will be given one plane of every two that come off the assembly lines.

This will include even the largest and most modern planes, the "flying fortress" bombers, which the British have long been seeking, but which had thus far been denied them.

It also will include foodstuffs, the output of merchant ships from the nation's ways, machine tools, everything of usefulness to a nation at war.

The only "rule of thumb" which President Roosevelt has said that he will recognize is prior need by this country for her defense. In this he will be guided by the army and navy chiefs and by Knudsen, head of the national defense council.

Steps have been taken to extend large credit to Britain to permit the "paper" purchase of her needs.

AIR CRASHES:
10,000 Miles Apart

In the snowy mountain wastes of Utah 10 persons, including a couple of honeymooners, met death when an air-liner crashed into a mountainside, split in two.

A few days later a Brazilian air liner, taking off at the airport of Rio de Janeiro, collided in midair with an advertising plane. Nineteen were killed.

The first crash is believed by an airline survey as to have been caused by the failure of the radio beam or range signal, the result of a blinding snowstorm through which the ship was flying, attempting to reach safety.

Unexplained is the Brazilian crash, which occurred in full view of thousands on the shores of the beautiful harbor, watching the take-off. The big liner collided in midair with the advertising plane, piloted by an Englishman, and both plummeted downward.

The liner landed in the water, smashed to pieces and sank. The small plane, out of control, sailed helplessly over the city and crashed on the roof of a building.

FIRST DRAFT:
Trial Balloon

The first calling of men to the colors has been set for November 25-28, and the number of men is so small, and the number of volunteers so large, that it will amount to only a general test of the selective service machinery.

Yet to the first draftees it will be real enough, and they will march from mufti to khaki, will drop their fountain pens and pick up Garand rifles for a year to serve in Uncle Sam's army.

In many states, each local draft board will only have to send to Washington the names of two or three men. As there has been a feeling among those eligible for the draft that it is better to be among the first to "get started," those who have gone to the boards and requested that a "V" for volunteer be placed against their names, there will be few inducted.

The questionnaires have been rolling out steadily, and the work of classification is being put into a steadier routine. The army of 65,000 physicians who have been given the job of determining who shall be deemed physically unfit have had the hardest job.

To these doctors will go the task of making an unprecedented survey of the nation's health. From their data the science of medicine will learn many things, and from them perhaps will be able to take steps to safeguard and improve the public health.

The tattoo of the carpenter's hammer is sounding across the land as the big cantonments get ready for the first quotas of conscripts. Permanent housing for an army of 1,500,000 is still a long way off, but it is coming as swiftly as boards and plumbing can be assembled into barracks.

They'll be in the army—not now—but mighty soon.

MISCELLANY:

¶ Nearly a year after the end of the Finnish-Russian war, a ship arrived in New York with 100 American volunteers, who managed to escape back to this country again. They said they arrived in Finland after it was all over, and had spent all this time trying to get back to the U. S.

¶ The lash still is administered to prisoners in Delaware, which then sends the whipped men off to prison. Three were whipped recently, two for burglary, one for attempting to wreck a train. After the 60 blows (20 to each man), Nos. 1 and 2 went off to prison for five years, and No. 3 for ten.

¶ Newest defense of British freighters against mines, submarines have been noted on the American waterfronts. The bows of the ships carry the paravanes and nets of minesweepers. Also on board many are torpedo tubes.

¶ A Chicagoan in San Francisco was jailed for refusing to obey the conscription law. He said: "I don't want to be a guinea pig for the British."

He'll Stick Around



ANN ARBOR, MICH.—Fakhril Maluf (above), University of Michigan student, who has learned from Syrian newspapers that he has been sentenced by the French Petain government to 15 years in prison for his writings advocating independence and social reform in Syria. In this country on indefinite scholarship permit, Maluf said he guessed he "would stay awhile."

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DEMOCRATS

THANX FROM CHAIRMAN

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paign. During the past few months I have had occasion to write you several times asking for your help. I feel as I said to you in a previous letter that we are partners. The re-election of the President by carrying thirty-eight States demonstrates how successful our partnership has been.

Having been a Democratic worker all my life, I know how important is the work that you did as a Democratic publisher. You gave of your efforts and your space generously. You have performed a real service to your country and to civilization. To you go the most hearty thanks of the Democratic Party and myself.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,
EDWARD J. FLYNN,
Chairman.

Uncle Tom's Cabin

The first dramatization of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was given at the Troy Museum, Troy, N. Y., on August 23, 1852, and was made by George L. Aiken, who took the roles of George Harris and George Shelby. Greene C. Germon played the role of Uncle Tom.

Editorial Note:—Needless to state, we cherish this letter very highly, as we cherish the many sincerely friendly letters we received in the past from our former national chairman, Hon. James A. Farley.—HRB.

MISCELLANY

Briand-Kellogg Pact

The Briand-Kellogg peace treaty was signed in Paris on August 27, 1928, by representatives of the following 15 nations: United States, France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Japan, Irish Free State, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Belgium, Czecho-Slovakia and Poland. All other nations were invited to be adherents.

Violet Family Has Many Shades

The violet family contributes the most expansive array of shades.

Must Protect With Dikes

The Netherlands, about 40 per cent of whose land is below the level of the sea, is the only country that, for centuries, has been forced to protect itself with dikes from inundation. Since Roman days, says Collier's Weekly, the total length of the construction and reconstruction of these sea walls has approximated 200,000 miles.

Deserted Diamond Market

Golconda, the greatest diamond market of early times, is now only a deserted fortress.

On Eve of Waterloo

In the Rue des Cendres, Brussels, the convent at No. 7 represents the house in which "there was a sound of revelry by night" at the duchess of Richmond's famous ball on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo. An adjacent building was used as the ball room.

The Work of Poets

All good poets, epic as well as lyric, compose their beautiful poems not as works of art, but because they are inspired and possessed.—Plato.

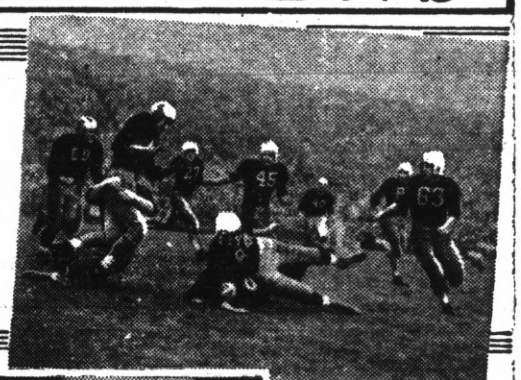
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In The WEEK'S NEWS





WHILE U. S. YOUTH registered for draft, these seminary students, conscientious objectors, were questioned by Federal authorities in New York.



TOM HARMON is stopped by Illinois tackler, but great Michigan team gets 4th straight victory by 28-0 triumph over Illini.



MILLION HOUSEWIVES' FRIEND, Mary Margaret McBride, goes on Columbia network exclusively for Florida citrus fruit. With her are Luther Chandler (left) and L. W. Marvin, respectively chairman and advertising manager of Florida Citrus Commission.



SMILING NOW [illegible] Coastguardmen leave for training at Fort McClellan, Ala.



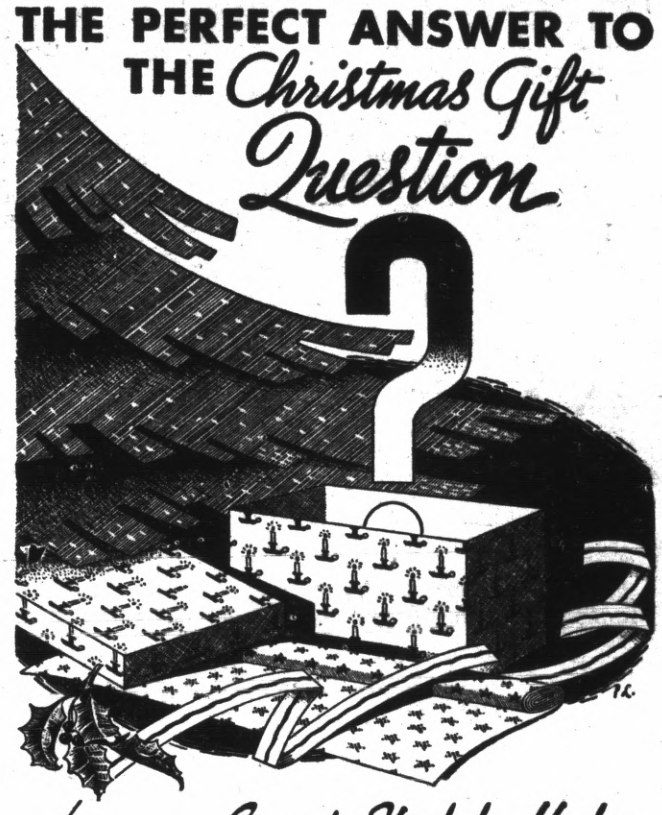
PICKING CHAMP of cotton fields is Harold Mason, 15, of Missouri, who won $1,000 by sacking 129 net pounds in two hours.



SEA WAIN, hit star of radio, sings happily in her inimitable voice in anticipation of a snack of Pepsi-Cola and donuts to keep in step with National Donut Week.

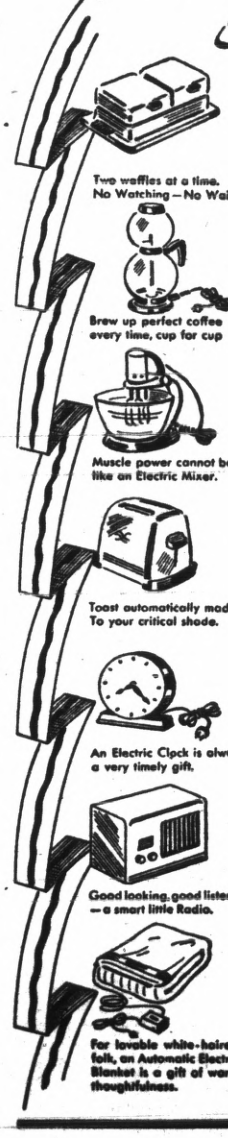
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Last Refuge

Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.—Dr. Johnson.



Star Dust
STAGE SCREEN RADIO

BY VIRGINIA VALE
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

IN HOLLYWOOD apparently one of the first things a young actor has to learn is when to quit a job, if staying is likely to be a bad idea.

For example, there's Allan Jones. He left Metro, because he didn't like the kind of parts he was getting, when he got them. Margaret Lindsay left Warner Brothers. After a while they landed the romantic leads in "There's Magic in Music," and now there's a big demand for them.



Margaret Lindsay

Cary Grant and Jean Arthur departed from Paramount—and now look at them! Dick Powell and Joan Blondell left Warner Brothers and nice, fat salaries; now their "I Want a Divorce" shows that they were right in deciding that he wasn't just a singer and she was something more than a slap-happy girl.



Allan Jones

The list goes on and on. Fred Astaire left RKO, Paulette Goddard left Hal Roach, to become one of Paramount's most popular players; Basil Rathbone gave up a fat contract at Metro because he was sick of appearing in drawing room comedies; Marie Wilson left Warners and dumb dame roles, to become a sophisticated, glamorous woman in Paramount's "Virginia."

Madeleine Carroll left Walter Wanger to star for Paramount. Metro was perfectly willing to let Deanna Durbin go elsewhere, a fact from which certain executives will probably never recover.

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Virginia seems to be the most popular state in the Union, so far as movie makers are concerned. What with "The Howards of Virginia," "Virginia," and now "The Vanishing Virginian," which Metro has just purchased, you can hardly escape it for long if you go to the movies.

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Knox Manning, one of the best-known news commentators, walked right into luck recently when he used a Scandinavian dialect on the air. Director Tay Garnett and Producer Richard Rowland were trying to find a performer who could both look and talk a certain role in "Cheers for Miss Bishop." Garnett happened to turn on his radio, heard Manning for the first time—and now the radio man will appear in support of such experienced performers as Martha Scott, William Gargan, Dorothy Peterson and Sterling Holloway.

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Quite a few years ago, when he was a student at Yale, Beirne Lay Jr. spent 50 cents to see a picture called "Wings," and the course of his life was changed. He decided to be an aviator, and to write about flying.

That was in 1928. He decided to go into the air corps; in those days it took longer than it does now, but he was finally admitted to Randolph field in 1932, and was graduated the next year from Kelly. Then he began writing. He got a lot of rejections, but he stuck to it.

Last year, after he'd sold some articles on flying, his book, "I Wanted Wings," appeared. Paramount bought it. He thinks that proves the truth his own story offers—that a man who has freedom and future in America can get anything he wants if he'll try hard enough.

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FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

By ROGER B. WHITMAN

Cooling a House in Summer.

QUESTION: Our attic floor is insulated. There is four feet from the floor to the peak of the roof. We are told that a ventilator would let out heat built up by the sun on the roof. This sounds logical, but I should think that a ventilator at each end would be better. What do you think?

Answer: Air confined in an attic is over heated by the sun beating on the roof. On a 90-degree day I have known attic temperature to be as high as 150 degrees. Heat from air confined in an attic under a peaked roof goes through the ceilings and heats the rooms below. It will take many hours after sundown for the attic air to cool off, and during that time rooms below will still be heated. The surest way to keep a house cool in summertime is to have plenty of attic ventilation so that air can escape as fast as it becomes heated. One excellent arrangement is a trap-door high in the roof with another trap door through the attic floor below. Air in the attic and in the house will then pass out as fast as it is heated, and be replaced by air coming in through open windows downstairs. The scuttle over the roof trap can be worked by cords going downstairs through the attic floor trap. If the attic has a stair, its door should be left open for the movement of air.

With this arrangement a house will cool off at sundown almost as rapidly as the air outdoors. If a roof trap cannot be provided there should be attic windows large enough to give cross ventilation. A large slo-speed fan made for the job, placed to blow outward through an opening through the roof or attic wall, is a great advantage in speeding up circulation.

With house air permitted to escape as fast as it becomes heated, the temperature in the house will be little if any higher than the temperature of the air outdoors.

Clogged Cesspools.

Question: What can I do to have my cesspool cleaned from water. I have two cesspools, one leading into the other. Can I use yeast to any advantage? Should I have them cleaned out? This would cost money.

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White Paint.

Question: Is there a pure white flat paint that will not turn yellow when used on a bathroom radiator?

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Stained Cistern Water.

Question: We have just put on a cedar shingle roof, and find that it discolors the cistern water. Can anything be put in the cistern to overcome this condition?

Answer: The staining comes from the oils and coloring matter in the shingles, and nothing that can be added to the water will overcome it. Staining will continue until rains have washed the shingles clean. The length of time that this will take will, of course, depend on the dampness of the season.

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Question: Would like your advice on which is a warmer house; one made of solid logs, seven inches thick; or a house with ship-lap outside and finished walls inside? Which is cheaper to keep in repair?

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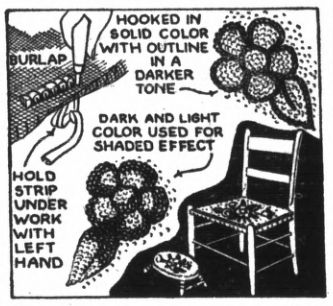
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By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF COUNTY TAXES, MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA, COUNTY TAXES OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1940-1941.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, is in receipt of the assessment books of said County of Contra Costa, and that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3746 of Political Code of the State of California, notice is hereby given that the assessment books for county taxes for the year 1940-41, on all property within the County of Contra Costa, have been received by me, and that the taxes as shown by said assessment books will be due and payable on November 1st 1940, this date being fixed by me, as Tax Collector of the County of Contra Costa, in accordance with Subdivision 8, Section 3746 of the Political Code, as amended, which states that: "The Tax Collector may fix a date in advance of the due date (November 1), when payments may be made," at my office in the Court House of said County of Contra Costa, State of California, in the city of Martinez, Contra Costa County, State of California, (every day except legal holidays) during office hours, on and after November 1st 1940, and as follows:

The taxes on all personal property secured by real property, and one-half of the taxes on all real property in the said County of Contra Costa, will be due and payable on Friday, November 1st 1940, at my office in the Court House of said Contra Costa County, situate at the corner of Main and Court Streets, in the City of Martinez, every day (not a legal holiday), during office hours as fixed by law, and will be delinquent on Thursday December 5, 1940 at 5 o'clock, P. M., of said day, and that unless paid prior thereto, eight per cent will be added to the amount thereof and that if said one-half be not paid before April 20, 1941, at 5 o'clock P. M., an additional three per cent will be added thereto.

And notice is further given that the remaining one-half of the taxes on all real property in said County of Contra Costa, for the year 1940-1941 will be payable to the undersigned Tax Collector of said County of Contra Costa, as aforesaid, at the office of the Tax Collector, as aforesaid, on and after Monday, January 20, 1941, and will be delinquent on April 20, 1941, at 5 o'clock of said day and that unless paid prior thereto, three per cent will be added to the amount thereof.

Notice is hereby further given that all taxes may be paid at the time first installment, as herein provided, is due and payable.

And notice is hereby further given that, in compliance with said Section 3746 of the Political Code of the State of California, on and after Friday, November 1, 1940, all the taxes, whether first or second installment before delinquency thereof, or if delinquent, together with the percentage added thereto, as is above set forth, may be paid at my office, as aforesaid, at any time during business hours, as aforesaid, on and after Friday, November 1, 1940, and upon such full payment being made full receipts for the taxes, both first and second installments, will be given in compliance with the law.

Lated at Martinez this 28th day of October 1940.

S. S. BOYD
Tax Collector of
Contra Costa County

Publish: Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 1940.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

No. 10466.

In the Matter of the Esttate of FRANK FLOREZ BENITEZ, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administrator of the estate of Frank Florez Benitez, deceased, to the creditors of, and to all persons having claims against said decedent to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County,, State of California, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to the said Administrator at the law offices of Harold F. Sawallisch, American Trust Building, Richmond, California, the same being designated as the place of business in all matters connected with the said estate, within six months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated, October 21, 1940.,
DANIEL F. HURLEY,
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Harold F. Sawallisch,
Attorney for Administrator
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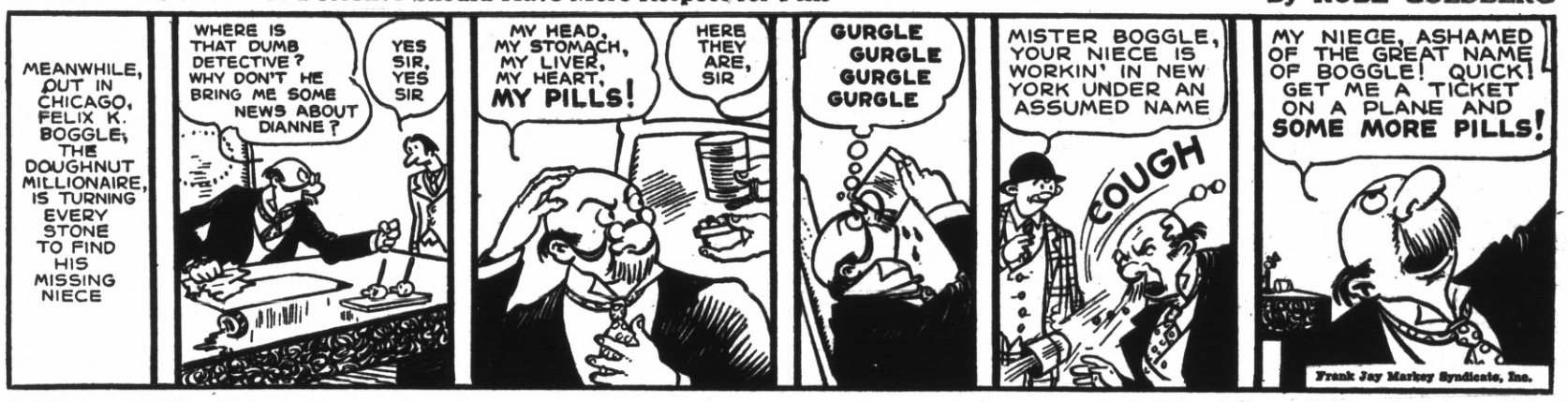
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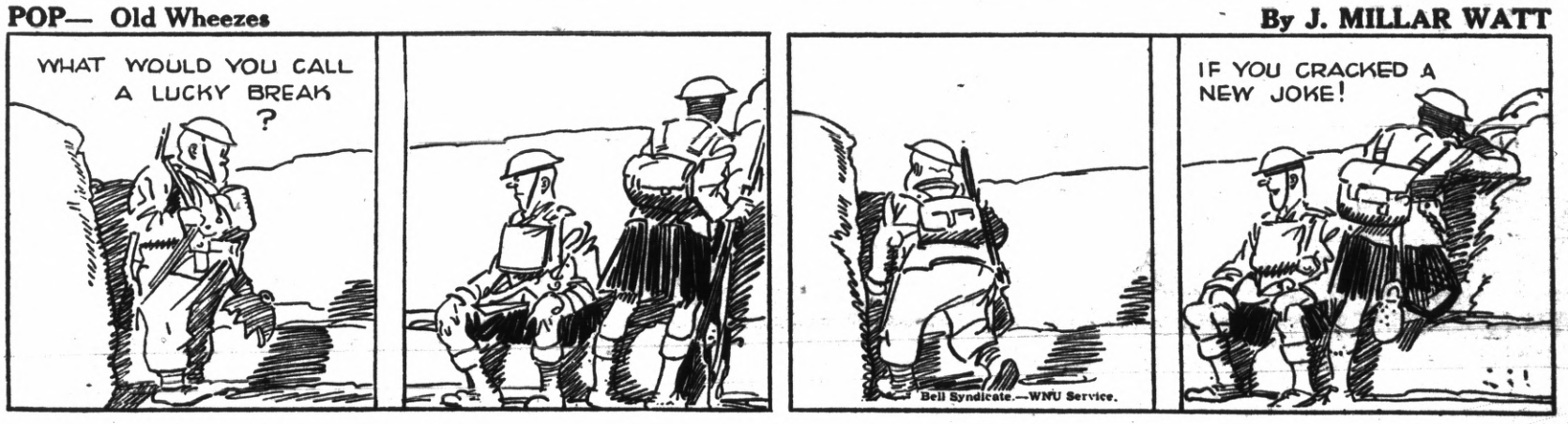
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A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens

WNU Service.

THE STORY SO FAR

Miserly, tight-fisted, selfish old Scrooge, who didn't believe in Christmas, was awakened one Christmas night by the ghost of his dead partner. In chains forged by his own misdeeds, his partner warned that even a worse fate awaited him, adding that three spirits would come to visit him. The first ghost showed Scrooge his former self. Together they watched Scrooge one Christmas as he stood alone in front of his school when a young boy. He was shown again the friends he had known as a youth during his apprenticeship. How he thrilled to the scene showing their Christmas eve gayety and the generosity of his employer. When he saw the home of his former sweetheart when her husband came home on Christmas eve with presents for their happy children, he fell exhausted upon his bed.

(Now continue with the story)

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The Second of the Three Spirits

Awaking in the middle of a prodigiously tough snore, Scrooge had no occasion to be told that the bell was again upon the stroke of One.

Now his bed became the very core and center of a blaze of ruddy light, which streamed upon it when the clock proclaimed the hour. Light might be in the room. He got up softly and shuffled in his slippers to the door.

It was his own room. But it had undergone a surprising transformation.

Living green filled it that it looked a perfect grove. The crisp leaves of holly, mistletoe, and ivy reflected back the light, as if so many little mirrors had been scattered there; and heaped up on the floor, to form a kind of throne, were turkeys, geese, game, poultry, brawn, great joints of meat, barrels of oysters, red-hot chestnuts, oranges, and seething bowls of punch. In easy state upon this couch, there sat a jolly Giant.

"I am the Ghost of Christmas Present," said the Spirit.

"You have never seen the like of me before!" it continued.

"Never," Scrooge answered.

"Have never walked forth with the younger members of my family; meaning (for I am very young) my elder brothers born in these later years?" pursued the Phantom.

"I don't think I have," said Scrooge. "Have you had many brothers, Spirit?"

"More than eighteen hundred," said the Ghost.

"Spirit," said Scrooge submissively, "conduct me where you will. I went forth last night on compulsion, and I learnt a lesson which is working now. Tonight, if you have aught to teach me, let me profit by it."

"Touch my robe!"

Scrooge did as he was told, and held it fast. They stood in the city streets on Christmas morn.

But soon the steeples called good people all, to church. And at the same time there appeared many people, carrying their dinners to the bakers' shops. The sight of these poor revellers appeared to interest the Spirit very much, for he stood with Scrooge beside him in a baker's doorway, and taking off the covers as their bearers passed, sprinkled incense on their dinners from his torch. And it was a very uncommon kind of torch, for once or twice when there were angry words between some dinner-carriers who had jostled each other, he shed a few drops of water on them from it, and their good humour was restored directly. For they said, it was a shame to quarrel upon Christmas Day. And so it was! God loved it!

"Is there a peculiar flavour in what you sprinkle from your torch?" asked Scrooge.

"There is. My own."

"Would it apply to any kind of dinner on this day?" asked Scrooge.

"To any kindly given. To a poor one most."

"Why to a poor one most?" asked Scrooge.

"Because it needs it most."

Perhaps it was the Spirit's sympathy with all poor men, that led him straight to Scrooge's clerk's. On the threshold of the door the Spirit smiled, and stopped to bless Bob Cratchit's dwelling with the sprinklings of his torch.

Then up rose Mrs. Cratchit, Cratchit's wife, dressed out but poorly in a twice-turned gown, but brave in ribbons, which are cheap and make a goodly show for sixpence; and she laid the cloth, assisted by Belinda Cratchit, second of her daughters, also brave in ribbons; while Master Peter Cratchit plunged a fork into the saucepan of potatoes.

And now two smaller Cratchits, boy and girl, came tearing in, screaming that outside the baker's they had smelt the goose, and known it for their own.

"What has ever got your precious father then?" said Mrs. Cratchit. "And your brother, Tiny Tim! And Martha warn't as late last Christmas Day by half an hour?"

"Here's Martha, mother!" cried the two young Cratchits. "Hurrah! There's such a goose, Martha!"

"Why, bless your heart alive, my dear, how late you are!" said Mrs. Cratchit, kissing her a dozen times.

"We'd a deal of work to finish up last night," replied the girl, "and had to clear away this morning."

"Well! Never mind so long as you are come," said Mrs. Cratchit. "Sit ye down before the fire."

"No, no! There's father coming," cried the two young Cratchits. "Hide, Martha, hide!"

So Martha hid herself, and in came little Bob, the father, Tiny Tim upon his shoulder. Alas for Tiny Tim, he bore a little crutch.

"Why, where's our Martha?" cried Bob Cratchit, looking round.

"Not coming," said Mrs. Cratchit.

"Not coming!" said Bob. "Not coming upon Christmas Day!"

Martha didn't like to see him disappointed, if it were only in joke; so she came out prematurely from behind the closet door, and ran into his arms, while the two young Cratchits hustled Tiny Tim, and bore him off into the wash-house, that he might hear the pudding singing in the copper.

"And how did little Tim behave?" asked Mrs. Cratchit, when she had rallied Bob on his credulity, and Bob had hugged his daughter to his heart's content.

"As good as gold," said Bob, "and better. Somehow he gets thoughtful, sitting by himself so much, and thinks the strangest things you ever heard. He told me, coming home, that he hoped the people saw him in the church, because he was a cripple, and it might be pleasant to them to remember upon Christmas Day, who made lame beggars walk, and blind men see."

Bob's voice was tremulous when he told them this, and trembled more when he said that Tiny Tim was growing strong and hearty.

Master Peter, and the two ubiquitous young Cratchits, went to fetch the goose, with which they soon returned in high procession.

Such a bustle ensued that you might have thought a goose the rarest of all birds. Mrs. Cratchit made the gravy (ready beforehand in a little saucepan) hissing hot; Master Peter mashed the potatoes with incredible vigour; Miss Belinda sweetened up the apple-sauce; Martha dusted the hot plates; Bob took Tiny Tim beside him in a tiny corner at the table; the two young Cratchits set chairs for everybody, not forgetting themselves, and crammed spoons into their mouths, lest they should shriek for goose before their turn came to be helped. At last the dishes were set on, and grace was said. It was succeeded by a breathless pause, as Mrs. Cratchit, looking slowly all along the carving-knife, prepared to plunge it in the breast; but when she did, and when the long expected gush of stuffing issued forth, one murmur of delight arose all round the board, and even Tiny Tim, excited by the two young Cratchits, beat on the table with the handle of his knife, and feebly cried Hurrah!



"Tiny Tim upon his shoulder."

There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked. Its tenderness and flavour, size and cheapness, were the themes of universal admiration. Eked out by apple sauce and mashed potatoes, it was a sufficient dinner for the whole family. The youngest Cratchits in particular, were steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows. But now, the plates being changed by Miss Belinda, Mrs. Cratchit left the room alone—too nervous to bear witnesses—to take the pudding up and bring it in.

Hallo! A great deal of steam! The pudding was out of the copper.

Oh, a wonderful pudding! Bob Cratchit said, and calmly too, that he regarded it as the greatest success achieved by Mrs. Cratchit since their marriage. Everybody had something to say about it, but nobody said or thought it was at all a small pudding for a large family. It would have been flat heresy to do so. Any Cratchit would have blushed to hint at such a thing.

At last the dinner was all done, all the Cratchit family drew round the hearth, in what Bob Cratchit called a circle, meaning half a one; and at Bob Cratchit's elbow stood the family display of glass. Two tumblers, and a custard-cup without a handle.

These held the hot stuff from the jug, however, as well as golden goblets would have done. Then Bob proposed:

"A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us!"

Which all the family re-echoed.

"God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim, the last of all.

He sat very close to his father's side upon his little stool. Bob held his withered little hand, as if he dreaded he might be taken from him.

"Spirit," said Scrooge, "tell me if Tiny Tim will live."

"I see a vacant seat," replied the Ghost, "in the poor chimney-corner, and a crutch without an owner, carefully preserved. If these shadows remain unaltered by the Future, the child will die."

"No, no," said Scrooge. "Oh, no, kind Spirit! say he will be spared."

"If these shadows remain unaltered by the Future, none other of my race," returned the Ghost, "will find him here. What then? If he be like to die, he had better do it, and decrease the surplus population."

Scrooge hung his head to hear his own words quoted by the Spirit.

"Man," said the Ghost, "if man you be in heart, not adamant, forbear that wicked cant until you have discovered What the surplus is, and Where it is. Will you decide what men shall live, what men shall die? It may be, that in the sight of Heaven, you are more worthless and less fit to live than millions like this poor man's child. Oh God! to hear the Insect on the leaf pronouncing on the too much life among his hungry brothers in the dust!"

Scrooge bent before the Ghost's rebuke, and trembling cast his eyes upon the ground. But he raised them speedily, on hearing his own name.

"Mr. Scrooge!" said Bob; "I'll give you Mr. Scrooge, the Founder of the Feast!"

"The Founder of the Feast indeed!" cried Mrs. Cratchit, reddening. "I wish I had him here. I'd give him a piece of my mind."

"My dear," said Bob, "the children! Christmas Day."

"It should be Christmas Day, I am sure," said she, "on which one drinks the health of such an odious, stingy, hard, unfeeling man as Mr. Scrooge. You know he is, Robert! Nobody knows it better than you do, poor fellow?"

"My dear," was Bob's mild answer, "Christmas Day."

"I'll drink his health for your sake and the Day's," said Mrs. Cratchit, "not for his. Long life to him!"

The children drank the toast after her. It was the first of their proceedings which had no heartiness. Tiny Tim drank it last of all, but he didn't care two-pence for it. Scrooge was the Ogre of the family.

After it had passed away, they were ten times merrier than before. Bob Cratchit told them how he had a situation in his eye for Master Peter, which would bring in, if obtained, full five-and-sixpence weekly. The two young Cratchits laughed tremendously at the idea of Peter's being a man of business; and Peter himself looked thoughtfully at the fire from between his collars, as if he were deliberating what particular investments he should favour when he came into the receipt of that bewildering income. Martha, who was a poor apprentice at a milliner's, then told them what kind of work she had to do, and how many hours she worked at a stretch, and how she meant to lie abed tomorrow morning for a good long rest.

And now, without a word of warning, the Ghost and Scrooge moved on.

A light shone from the window of a hut. A cheerful company assembled round a glowing fire.

"A place where miners live, who labour in the bowels of the earth," explained the Spirit. "But they know me. See!"

The Spirit did not tarry here, but passing on above the moor, sped—whither? Not to sea? To sea. They lighted on a ship. They stood beside the helmsman at the wheel, the look-out in the bow, the officers who had the watch; dark, ghostly figures in their several stations; but every man among them hummed a Christmas tune, or had a Christmas thought.

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